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The question now agitating the Central League magnates is whether to compel Murphy to wear five-ounce or skin-tight gloves. He engages in a fight in nearly every game.

McGilvray might have been the aggressor in the argument with Mercer at Anderson, Friday night, but that does not excuse a big burly policeman for assaulting Harry Way.

George Siler, the well-known Chicago fight critic and referee, recently made the statement that no man can expect to win from Charles Neary in his own town. Judging from Herrera's recent bouts with Neary in Milwaukee Siler seems to be right. The best Herrera could get in both fights

ring code in the rules to govern the play. the winner in such fights as have marred the game in both the Western and Central Leagues in the past two weeks.

The American League magnates have decided to leave the question of the right of the American to play Sunday games in New York to the National League to prove to them where the treaty is violated. If it can be shown President Johnson will withdraw as gracefully as possible. The question arises as to how gracefully Johnson can withdraw from any proposition that he has set his plans for.

According to a close friend of J. J. Ryan, that spectacular plunger recently cleaned up \$205,000 in cotton. He said he figured | He says: that the Wall-street crowd let him make actually believed that the Wall-street operators were manipulating the cotton mar- ever seen up to that time. It weighed thirtyket simply to "hook him in." The position | eight pounds. There was probably as much of press agent for Mr. Ryan must be a

magnates now wish they had not been so the one Maud S. drew in 2:08% and the one selfish when the league was reorganized last | used by Lou Dillon when she trotted in fall and the question of a percentage basis 1:58%. I do not say the one Lou Dillon drew came up for consideration. Those mag- when she trotted in 2:05, for, if I am cornates saw visions of packed houses in their | rectly informed, the latter is as near a duown towns at every game, and they did | plicate of the Maud S. sulky as it is possinot want to let visiting clubs share in the | ble to get, with the one exception that the | man. In all his previous battles all that receipts. As the season is drawing toward | Lou Dillon sulky is equipped with 'roller a close the attendance in those particular | bearings,' a bearing which has long ago cities has begun to wane and the magnates | been discarded by bicyclists and for other now want a percentage basis. It is the light vehicles for rapid draught as useless. only business-like and equitable plan, but It has been fully demonstrated that it is the best time to arrange it is at the be- due to the pneumatic tire much more than ginning of a season. The Indianapolis club- the bearings to which the great increase in owners fought for the percentage plan, speed is partially due. However, be this as but they favor no change until next sea- it may, it would seem that by the ruling of

It looks as if Tommy Ryan and Philadelphia Jack O'Brien intend to pummel each other next Wednesday night. Many critics thought there would be something happen to keep them apart, but, then, it is not confidential friend that he expects to put O'Brien out in the first round. O'Brien also has a confidential friend in Philadelwill be proof against Ryan's jabs and recorded against her the same as any other swings and will show the champion how easy it is to put him in the land of dreams in something like six and one-half minutes. These confidential friends are great thing in the pugilistic world.

Managers of the West-end Club of St Louis gathered up a few points on how to conduct boxing exhibitions inside the law when they visited Indianapolis at the time that Abe Attell and Harry Forbes boxed here. The West-end Club has matched Attell and Forbes for a twenty-round contest to take place next Thursday night. The managers have announced that the men will contest for \$1,800. This amount will be divided equally between them by the club, so that each man is paid so much for his services in boxing twenty rounds. This will do away with the idea of any purse or winning and losing end. The Indianapolis Athletic Club made such contracts with boxers when it first began to promote sparring exhibitions and has always conducted its entertainments in compliance

Art Simms, of Akron, who was recently defeated by "Battling" Nelson in Milwaubattle, stating that he can no longer stand body punishment. Men become so worn 2:08%." down from constant punching that they readily succumb to comparatively light blows. It is well known that Peter Maher's jaw became more and more sensihard wallops there, this increased sensibility rendering him a more and more easy be held to-morrow. Charles Ruschaupt, victim in his later battles. Jim Corbett president of the Indianapolis club, is sick Fitzsimmons, in spite of the fact that his attend the meeting his proxy will display with Jeffries at Coney Island was be held by W. H. Watkins, of one of the most brilliant performances of the Minneapolis club. That there his career. Kid McCoy was never the same is business of great importance to after his walloping by Tom Sharkey. One come before the meeting is admitted by Mr. of the best cases in point is that of Mc- Watkins, but he says the public will know Govern, who certainly was never the "Ter- nothing of the changes that are to be rible Terry"-after his first defeat by Young | made in the Association constitution either

controlled the affairs of the bowling con- in Kansas City and Milwaukee. The gress long enough and it is time to elimin schedule will hardly cause much of a rumate the commercialism. The Indianapolis ous, but it is believed the changes in the delegates will also insist that the constitution will also insist that the constitution will also a little discussion. tion be so amended as to make it compul- It is believed the constitution will be sory that every bowling club entered in a amended so as to make it possible for a national tournament be a member of a city | change in the circuit next season. The bowling association. It was thought this Western League circuit next season will was done at the meeting of the A. B. C. in | comprise St. Paul, Minneapolis, Kansas there was a loophole through which the ver and Colorado Springs, instead of the clubs that do not belong to city associa- six cities that now comprise that organizations managed to crawl and have their en- tion. Next year the American Association tries accepted by the Cleveland managers. and Eastern League will consolidate and Other sections of the constitution will re- this consolidation probably will tear up ceive attention and it is quite probable that the baseball map in an astonishing manthe thirty days clause, whereby clubs must | ner. vention city.

SPORTING SECTION.

ATTELL SHOULD WIN.

The Indianapolis Athletic Club will give its

second boxing show of the season to-mor-DENVER, Col.-Louthain & Jackson, Fifteenth row night at the Auditorium polo rink. The principals in the main bout will be Abe HORSEMEN PLEASED Attell, the clever San Francisco lad, who boxed a draw with Harry Forbes in this city on Jan. 4, and Morris Rauch, of Chicago. Since the last show the sport-loving public has complimented the club for pro-BEN D. CROSE, - - Sporting Editor moting such high-class boxing shows. At the last entertainment there was no sign of Now it is up to Lou Dillon to go out and | brutality and the audience was composed of trot in two minutes without any "distin- the best class of men of Indianapolis and guishing mark" attainment. She will do it, surrounding cities-men who desire to witness scientific boxing between lads who are expert in that business. The contest tomorrow night should be as interesting as the one between Attell and Forbes. Rauch has an exceptionally good record, and as he is in first-class condition he should be able to give a very good account of himself against such a clever man as Attell. Attell and Rauch have never met in the roped arena, but each has seen the other box against other opponents. Attell on form ride. should win the contest, but Rauch possesses more confidence than is usually disopponent that is recognized to be the best lad at his weight, and that confidence will over Attell, while the latter would not have by the way-had broken down at East New have much to lose by failing to box tell when he might want the lad again, and milling. Blackburn has beaten Langford, ord and might damage the attendance at the West End Club when he faces Forbes.

LOU DILLON'S RECORD.

The action of the joint conference combination made up of representatives from the American and National Trotting organizations and the American Trotting Register Association in disallowing the record of 2:05 made by Lou Dillon at Cleveland has caused much comment by prominent horsemen throughout the country. D. Scott Quintin, for many years a noted and widely respected owner, trainer and driver on the trotting turf, gives a few interesting facts anent the ruling on light harness records.

"I was present the day Maud S. made her wonderful mile at Cleveland in 1885 and recollect quite well that she pulled the lightest and most up-to-date sulky that I had difference between this sulky used by Maud S. and the one Flora Temple used in her memorable mile in 2:19% or the one Dexter A few of the Western Roller Polo League | drew at Buffalo in 2:1714 as there is between also fall, because she did not use a sulky the same style as the one drawn by Lady Suffolk or Flora Temple.

"The contention that the time made by Lou Dillon is not a record, because she already had a faster record, would seem to me untenable, for the reason that any 'winning' performance constitutes a technical record. As Lou Dillon started against time -namely, 2:08%-and accomplished the feat course on which Maud S. made her record of 2:08%. I fail to see any grounds for disallowing the time, and believe it should be BOXING GLOVES WERE "winning" performance. If by any chance Lou Dillon should start in a race against other horses and win a heat in slow time-2:30, for instance-would this performance be disallowed because Lou Dillon had a faster previous record? If not, why not?

"Ball bearings and roller bearings were both in use about the time Maud S. made her record. Frank Van Ness had one for the sulky of Harry Wilkes, 2:1314, and I wabble and rattle, and in fact we found them of so little benefit as a means of in-

"I have never heard that the record of either Harry Wilkes or Gossip, ir., was questioned because their sulkies were equipped with the patent axle. When did the trotting associations formulate a rule

as to just what constitutes a sulky?

same shall conform? "There is scarcely a doubt but what Lou Dillon can trot in 2:05 or better to the same sulky which Maud S. used for her mile in

ing. Business of importance will be diswas never the same man after he fought at his home and in case he is unable to before or after the meeting. The schedules that have been drafted by the com-The men selected by the Indianapolis mittee composed of Watkins, Tebeau and bowlers to represent the leagues of this city | Bryce will be considered and one of them at the American Bowling Congress in Cleve- will be adopted. The schedule will conland next month are business men and they sist of 154 games instead of 140. Indianare not identified with the commercial side apolis will probably open with Minneapolis. In the 135-pound class. of the sport. The delegates are Charles A. Louisville with Kansas City, Columbus Bookwalter, William Bosson and Louis G. with Milwaukee and Toledo with St. Paul.

Indianapolis last February, but it seemed | City, St. Joseph, Omaha, Des Moines, Den-

be organized at least thirty days before | George Tebeau has won his fight in Denmaking entry to a national tournament, will ver and he practically controls the Westbe made plainer. The Indianapolis delegates | ern League. As a result of his victory the will vote for Milwaukee as the next con- Western circuit this year will comprise only six cities and there will be no Western League clubs in Milwaukee and Kansas City. With the consolidation that is bound to come the Western will have much better circuit next year.

WITH RECENT ACTION

The suspension of Jockey Bullman by the California stewards for failure to keep a riding engagement, should be applauded and will be applauded by every horseman. This is not from any desire to see punishment inflicted, but entirely because the failure to keep engagements has been hitherto passed over entirely too lightly by the racing authorities. Usually it is merely the man who has contracted for the engagement who has suffered. There have been cases without number, East and West, where the owner and the trainer have made engagements with jockeys the day before the race and have been met on the grounds with such palpably absurd explanations as that the boy has suffered an accident or missed a train, or that his mother or his wife or somebody else doesn't wish him to Stables of prominence, of course, have not been met with such flimsy ex- Mike cuses, but the instance in which trainers of modern establishments have been disappointed are many. It was only in the seaa trainer received a message from a slip of a lad who had not a presentable pair of serve him to put up a fast contest against | breeches when he came here two years be-Attell. Rauch is anxious to win a decision fore, saying that his "car"-an auto car, there was nothing left for him but to tion as best he could by hiring a substi-As a matter of fact, every engagement made by a jockey should be reported to the clerk of the scales the night before for report to the stewards-and when this contract is violated or when for any reason a substitution is made, the stewards should make diligent inquiry as to the cause thereof. No excuse other than one accounting some extraordinary circumstance should avail against such an engagement, and failure to keep it should be met with most exemplary punishment. Jockeys unattached are in the public market. They may have the right to decline a mount, but, having accepted such a mount, they are obligated to put in an appearance in ample

JOE GANS NOW WITH

ime to execute it.

St. Louis Post-Dispatch. When Joe Gans made a poor showing against Blackburn, and a still worse showing against Sam Langford, it was predicted that he had lost his championship form, but the most sure indication of this came Fitzgerald looked as big to Gans as a his face. In almost every round of the est shot he ever made. fight Fitzgerald was stirring up the resin on the mat with his shoulders, yet he was on his feet at the call of time in the tenth that he had lost his punch Gans was the a bunch with two guns. He has never used that stuff at the camp already, so I consid- tion of the foregoing variations the student was necessary was for him to land on the the next bell. There is no accounting for the loss of a punch. The power passed from McGovern when he was apparently | then his 10. His strength comes in part from | at the height of his career and in good contheir most valuable asset in the same way. When Gans made such poor showings with Blackford and Langford the talk was strong that he was playing 'possum in the hope of luring some more profitable game into his net. There is a different story now. He was in prime condition for the last mill, and the way he drove Fitzgerald around the ring shows that he was passing up no opportunities to push him into the land of sleep. Gans was one of the greatest fighters that the game has ever developed, but his strong point was the punch he always had on tap. He was very clever and able to avoid punishment, but whenever he discovers that his best punches are worthless his fighting days will be over. If Britt is a strong enough fighter to whip

SENT TO THE LAUNDRY

he has made seem to warrant.

Young Corbett he should have a royal

chance with Gans if the colored man is in

the condition that the last few fights which

Aurelia Herrera, the Mexican fighter, who has always been a strong factor among the featherweights, so-called, of the country, tells an amusing story of a San Francisco Chinese laundryman that will appeal to anyone who ever saw the condition of a pair of boxing gloves that have been wet

get him a set of boxing gloves for his had two for Gossip, jr., 2:1314, but we had amusement," Herrera says, "So I picked to discard them owing to the fact that they | up a pretty good set in the gymnasium one would work loose and the wheel would day and wrapped them up, tossing them to one side. My trainer had picked up at the same time a lot of linen belonging to me in the training quarters and wrapped it up. creasing speed that we discarded them al- My brother came down the next day and I told him to take the package home with

laundry, as I supposed, and, taking it to a Chinaman but a block away, tossed it into the laundry. Aboue five days later I sent my trainer for the bundle of laundry, as I needed it. He took the check and paid for the bundle, and on coming back said he thought, for the size of the bundle, that the "What are the specifications to which the | Chinaman did work about as cheap as any-

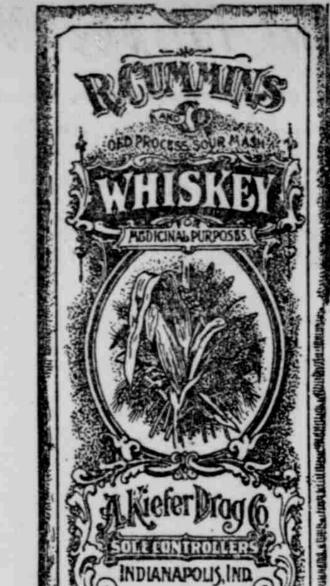
one he had ever heard of. 'Imagine my astonishment when I opened the bundle to find that by mistake my brother had taken the soiled linen and I had tossed the set of boxing gloves into the SPORT OF WATER POLO laundry. The gloves were a sight. The Chinaman evidently had tried to get one of them through a wringer. It came out about three feet long and about as thick as a salt mackerel. The other was in all sorts of shapes and as hard as bricks. As the gloves were expensive, I was mad at first, but when I looked at that long glove I had to let out a scream of laughter. It goes to but was not imported into America until show that Chinamen don't care much what

you give them to wash.' DUAL PERSONALITY

CAUSES MUCH TROUBLE

"Twin" Sullivan, the prize figfilter, may be

personality-that there is two of him. Followers of pugilism have been somewhat perplexed at times by reading ac-"Twin" Sullivan received the verdict. The weight, is mentioned as doing good work at the time the board was touched. Charley Haughton once suggested bring-



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brothers of Boston are both fighting under the name of "Twin" and are fairly well known in their respective classes. The boys

Mike is a light weight and fights at 130 | teams. known of the pair, has been a fighter the longer, and is generally meant when "Twin" did not care to complain, for he could not is conceded to have had the better of the who, in turn, received a verdict over Joe

On this "dope" Mike fancies he is entitled to part of a title which seems to be decidedly split up at present, judging from the number of claimants. His followers in Bosthe race-not for publication at all, but | ton are predicting that he will be the next light-weight champion. Such a little thing as the presence of Jack O'Keefe, Dave Sullivan, Jimmy Britt, Joe Gans, Fitzgerald, and probably Young Corbett and Benny Yanger in this same division does not worry the Boston sports. Mike and Jack are said to resemble each other closely, except in weight, and to have somewhat similar styles of fighting. The "Twin" Sullivan who offered to come here

THREE GENERATIONS OF DUCK SHOOTERS

was Jack, the middle weight.

THE HONORED DEAD | Poplar Family and Champion | Jesse Are the Greatest in Maryland.

Jesse Poplar is recognized as the greatest duck shooter in Maryland. He has been the with the poor showing he made against premier shot on the Susquehanna river flats Willie Fitzgerald last week. The jaw of for many years. He began by shooting two muzzle-loaders, and with these succeeded dangling punching bag, and the way the by emptying the four barrels in killing nine colored boy battered it for ten rounds | canvasbacks, this being the entire number should have made it look like a dent in which decoyed. He considers it the great-Out of large bunches his biggest killing

was sixteen out of a big flock of redheads. round. If a fighter ever gave a sure sign | He has frequently killed six or seven out of more than two guns in a sink box. and a 12 gauge, using first his 12-bore and fool the oldest duck that flies in this work. of ducks. The greatest number he ever bagged in one day was 313. In one hour he killed 122, including 82 canvasbacks and 40 blackheads. In another day's shooting he killed 121 canvasbacks before noon, and on another occasion he brought down 126 redheads.

In the course of his twenty-five years as a duck shooter on the flats Mr. Poplar has also spent considerable time hunting in the fields, being very successful with partridges | ready for the bunch when we heard them and in getting several birds on the rise of a William Poplar, a brother of Jesse, is the oldest man now shooting as a business on

the flats. While not so good a shot or a

judge of birds' habits as Jesse, he is, nevertheless, a successful one. John Poplar, the father of Jesse, is still living. He only shoots occasionally for a little sport. He is seventy years old, and cause it was just before daylight. has lain out in a box, sat in a blind or stood on a point shooting in the roughest kind of 9, and fed them a lot of the pickerel. We weather, yet he has been immune from found every man flat on his back, sound sickness and his eyesight is still good. He asleep on the pass. I told them to be has the record of having killed more ducks individually in any day than was ever oth- again. Then I thought of a little josh to | (i) 24-19, 15-24, 28-19, 2-7, and Black erwise recorded. With two muzzle-loaders he has killed 530 ducks, all of the finer sort. This was done in 1873. "Father John" killed a mile away, after the milk. I told him 275 canvasbacks in one day, and did not begin shooting until 9 a. m. In gunning a day and a half he has bagged 500 canvasbacks, and has receipts to show for these ducks. He also has receipts to show for 3,200 ducks

The Popular family is one of marksmen that is not likely to deteriorate, although "My little brother asked me one day to ducking is becoming more and more difficult | the ducks and tell the fellows about the because of the scarcity of the fowls. A son sport he'd he of Jesse and a grandson of John Poplar is got a duck. now ten years old. He is Jesse Poplar, ir. He has proved a wonder in shooting at the traps and is perpetuating the glory of his sire and grandsire by the duck-killing route, Little Jesse has killed fifty ducks in a day that branch of fowling.

While Jesse Poplar, sr., is the recognized champion duck shot, there are many other twenty or more years of practice, have learned how to get the most ducks with the fewest shells. Joe Dye, John Simpers, William Hevern, Harry Barnes, Washington Barnes, Walter T. Jackson, Scott Jackson, learning to the camp Harry Barnes in Barnes and setting the milk down and picking up his gun and Harry Moore, James Holly, Berryman Keene, John Keene, William Keene, Emory Day, John Thompson, "Bud" Lighhauser "Curiey" Way are among these seasoned gunners.

IS VERY INTERESTING

Water polo is comparatively a new game. some time in the late 80's. It has gained great popularity, however, since then, and time. It was my play to slip out and get only the scarcity of available pools pre- the milk, but I wanted to see the thing vents its becoming the favorite indoor win-

The object of the game, which is played by two opposing teams of six, generally in sible, is to touch the opponent's goal (a answered by stating that "Twin" has a dual space four feet by twelve inches, situated at for awhile, and then Tuck sprung the gag each end of the tank, eighteen inches above on him. The doc never would believe I the water level) with a rubbr ball that didn't give him away to the bunch then, League umpire for next season recalled to a the game to New York and a howl went up is thrown into the tank by the referee, at | and I guess he thinks I did yet. But I'll start of play. Each touch counts one, and | never forget him shedding those ducks out counts of battles at 150 pounds in which the side scoring most points wins the game. To give the contest some life, and make it | he made on them, with that bunch waiting | indicator handler. interesting, it was ruled, in America, that | till he got good and plenty in before they next day, mayhap, they see an article in no goal be allowed unless the ball was in which "Twin" Sullivan, the promising light- | contact with the hand of the man scoring

Water polo is now on a scientific basis and by no means the disordered scramble ing "Twin" Sullivan here to fight Mike that it appears to the casual observer. The by Advertiser (2:15%), all out of high-class Schreck or Hugo Kelley. The next day he preliminary work done by candidates for a dams, that he will break and partially de- Cincinnati and the regular umpire was not Buddenbaum and they will go before the It is claimed that he might send "Twin" good team is even more complicated than velop this season. They are a fine lot, of able to officiate. I think it was the time congress with the intention of fighting any measure that has a commercial side to it.

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Manufacturers of bowling supplies have the intention of fighting any equitably distributed, as this was made against Jack O'Keefe. Many local sports the preparation for football. Besides learn-nearly uniform size, and all trotters. Edith wondered just what happened to be the ing passing, catching, interfering and scorping that has a speciation, but of that I am against Jack O'Keefe. Many local sports the preparation for football. Besides learn-nearly uniform size, and all trotters. Edith wondered just what happened to be the ing passing, catching, interfering and scorping and scorping

almost as many holds and breaks as has wrestling. The game itself is all played in given formations. Each player is coached indiare twenty-five years old, are twins, as vidually regarding his work in every pos-their title signifies, and are named Jack and sible combination, and blackboard practice is frequently indulged in by the best

to 135 pounds. Jack is a middle weight, or, rather, a heavy weiter. He is the best remarkable. The criss-cross plays, the masses, the various hurdles and the leap from shoulder to shoulder have all come Sullivan is mentioned in fighting dispatches. | into existence within the last few years, Mike has not been fighting so long as his and have completely revolutionized the brother, but has a good list of victories to game. Even in the minor details things his credit. Just at present he is scratch- have changed radically, and for the three York, and that he would not arrive at the ing his head and wondering just why he or four tackles that were in use ten years the Chicago man defeat him for several track in season to keep an engagement should not go out and claim half the light- ago, there are now at least a hundred; at times the amount he is to receive for his which he had made in the first race. What weight title. He recently went twelve every new meet new ones appear that have never been seen before,

> WERDEN AND "DOC" SPUR CONTRIVE A BIG JOKE

> It Would Have Been All Right if Somebody in the Bunch Hadn't Rubbered.

> Minneapolis Journal. It was at a meeting of the Hot Stove Circuit, on the night assigned to the hunters. As usual, big Percival Werden held the

"You remember the time we were up at Camp Werden when they elected Bob Delahunt sheriff in Stevens county?" inquired Perry of "Lefty" Davis and Hemstock. "I'll never forget the job I helped put up on Doc Spur, of Herman, then, though it was all on the square with me at the time. I guess Doc hasn't forgotten it, either.

"You know Lefty and Hemmy and I were at Camp Werden," continued the "Big Moose," "and Doc Spur used to run out to the camp every two or three days. So Friday night, after Bob was elected sheriff, he | 25-18, 13-22, 24-20. White wins. Sturges. came out and told us the bunch would be you short of grub,' he said. 'They expect to | ical for White.-Ed.) find you all starving out here?

"Well, any time they looked to catch us short we had them for fair. I sneaked into town and got a lot of oysters and celery and cranberries and stuff like that. We had ered we were fixed. I went down that night | may refer to "Lee's Guide."-Ed.) About eighteen years ago Jesse Poplar and speared thirty-seven pickerel through spot once, and his opponent failed to answer | changed from the muzle-loading to the | the ice and we had pretty near 300 ducks breech-loading gun. To-day he uses a 10 down cellar, just waiting for some good fellow to come along. When anybody dropped then his 10. His strength comes in part from in, if he was a lobster, we gave him a meal his knowledge of how the birds will fly and and said 'On your way,' but if he was a good dition, and all the good fighters have lost in shooting when they bunch. He is also fellow, like some of these greenhorns that great at calling any species of ducks and in | don't know how to handle a gun, we'd load making them decoy to his sink box. He can him up and send him home with a big bunch

> "The bunch was late getting in Saturday. We expected them about 11, but there was something on in Morris and they didn't heave in sight till about 2 Sunday morning. Saturday morning, though, Judge Kerr and Pete Neilson dropped in from Minneapolis, and of course they got the glad hand, because both of them are the best company in the world out in the woods. We were coming along the road-four wagonloads of There were Bob Delahunt and his broth however, is quite good. Tuck, and about a dozen of the other fellows from Morris. We had ten mailards all picked and in the oven, and we fed er is strong them till they couldn't hold any more, and then took them down to the passes and set them there to wait for the ducks, be-

"We called them up for breakfast about play on the bunch, so I sent Doc Spur over to the farmhouse, about a quarter o to put on his hunting coat, and go down cellar and fill the pockets as full of canvasbacks as they'd hold, and then leav his coat in a little grove near the camp while he went after the milk. The game was for him to leave the milk there whe he came back, and then put on his coat an pick up his gun and come in and show sport he'd had, because none of them ha

"'You won't give me away?' says Doc and I swore I wouldn't squeat to a soul So he left his coat and gun in the grov and went across to the farmhouse. The jo would have worked all right, but Tuc doc going across the fields. He had on a red sweater, so you couldn't mistake him. Tuck sat down by the window and kept rubbering out, and pretty soon back came

"'Come here, you fellows,' says Tuck. 'see what the doc's doing.' Then they piped him off, putting on his coat and setting coming to the camp. He braces in large as 'Nothing to it,' he says. 'Canvasbacks, hey? Finest sport I ever had.' And he began to shed ducks out of his hunting coat. I could see what was coming off, but I couldn't see a chance to put him next. Me busy on the stove cooking, and Doc goes on driving nails in his coffin. "'I guess you fellows don't know much

about this game,' he said. 'Come out with me and I'll show you where to find them." " 'Where'd you get them, Doc?' says Tuck Delahunt. 'Oh. nothing to it.' says the doc. 'I found the place all right.' All this time he was still shedding ducks. 'I made a pretty shot with my left on this one,' he says. 'I got these two on a double,' and he went on and named the history of every bird. Me busy at the cook stove all the "'What's the matter with this one?' says

Tuck Delahunt. 'He's got a stiff neck.' "'Must have been rubbering,' says the doc. He was next then, but he was game and didn't let on. 'You gave me away,' he whispered, when he got near me. 'No. I didn't,' says I, 'but they're next. Go on and go through with it.' He bluffed it out called his bluff."

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[Continued from Last Week.] Game No. 11-"Cross."

Mr. Gus Ports, of Troy, N. Y., sends the ollowing game and part of the annotations. | the piece on The game was played, Mr. Ports said, by himself and Mr. Gardner, the latter manip-ulating the Black pieces. The game is 27-18, 3-19, 18-14, 9-18, 22-15, 2-7, 32-27, identical, after the fourteenth move, with 19-23, drawn. the forty-fourth game of the Barker-Martins match. The variations are standard lines which should be memorized by all amateurs:

13-22 (g) 2-6 23—18 25—22 8—11 (b) 9—13 (a) 23-18 26-23 24 - 1929 - 2527 - 234-8 (c) 1-6 (e) 13-17 (g) 6-10 23-19 (d) 30-25 22-15 19—16 12—26 Drawn. Barker and Martins. Gardner and Ports.

(b) It is now "Old Fourteen." (c) 2-6, 24-20, 15-24, 28-19, 6-9, 30-26 17-10, 7-14, 23-16, 12-19, 22-17, 13-22, 26-10. Drawn. Ports and Gardner. The * move (1-5) varies from Sturges, whose work shows 8-11 at this point. But the variation is pretty. Instead of 2-6 at the trunk, if Black goes 1-5, White wins as follows: 1-5, 30-25, 5-9, 32-27, 2-6, 22-18, 15-22, (d) 32-27, 15-18, 22-15, 13-22, 30-26, 11-18, 26-17, 18-22, 19-15 10-26, 17-1, 2-6, 1-10, along from Morris the next day. 'They fig- 7-14, 29-25. Drawn. Hay. (This line should ure they're going to catch you foul and find | be avoided by amateurs, as it is very crit-

(e) 8-11, 25-22, 11-15, 24-20, 15-24, 28-19, 7-11, 31-27, 2-7, 27-24, 13-17, 22-13, 10-14, 13-9, 7-10, 9-5, 11-15, 5-1, 15-18, 1-6, 2-9, 21-17. Drawn. Drummond. (f) 8-11, 24-13, 3-8, 25-22, 8-12, 22-18 7-10, 28-24, 11-16, 18-15. Drawn. Anderson. Worcestershire sauce and tobasco and all White wins. Sinclair. (For an amplifica-

Game No. 12-"Ayrshire Lassie." 11-15 22 - 1511-18 (g) 19-16 30-26 16-11 12-19 23-16 (a) 28-24 (b) 4-8 (f) 32-28 (h) 9-14 11-15 (1) 26-23 (c) 23-19 25—22 18—25 9-13

(a) Forms the opening, so named by Wyl le in compliment to a charming maiden who graced one of his matches with her

(b) At one time 9-13 was the most popular move at this point, but the text move hem with the commissary wagon in front, is now almost invariably played. 9-14, (d) 9-14, 26-23, 15-18 would run into the "Old Fourteenth." (e) We recommend this line as less com-

plicated than 32-28, although the latter is quite safe. (f) 26-22, 11-16, 20-11, 3-7, Black wins, (g) Beware of 20-16, 10-14. Black wins. (h) Best move, and gives Black the easiest

Game No.		13-"Kelso."	
(a) 10-15	11-16	5-14	14-2
(b) (c) 21—17 (j) 24—19	30-25	22-1
(d) (e) 11-16	7-10	11-15	20-2
(f) 17—13 (g) 8—11	26—22 8—11	25—22 6— 9	312 91
(h) 22-18 (l) 15-22	k) 28-24 9-14	13- 6 2- 9	17-1 23-2
25—18 16—20	18— 9 5—14	23—18 16—23	14-10
29-25 (i) 4-8	22—18 1— 5	18—11 10—15	drav
25-21	18-9	27-18	1

sound debut for Black, and is rapidly be- who are so unfortunate as to be in ragged has a great variety of reply. A. J. Heffner, find it impossible for business and other

18-11, 8-24, 28-19, 4-8, 29-25, 8-11, 23-18, 6-10, 23-18, 10-15. Drawn. (c) 23-18, 7-16, 27-23, 9-13. (d) 23-19, 7-10, 26-23, 9-14, same as 27-23, 11-15, same as "Defiance," (e) 9-12, 23-18, 12-16 is weak for Black (f) 23-18, 16-20, 18-11, 8-15, 17-13, 9-14, 24-19, etc., draws, or 17-14, 9-18, 23-14, 8-11, 24-20, 16-19, 27-24, 3-8, 32-27, 6-9, 22-18, 15-22, 26-17 draws. draws, or 9-14, 24-10, 15-24, 28-19, are weak and should be avoided. (h) 24-19, 15-24, 28-19, 4-8, 22-18, 16-20, tion when he fin 25-22, 11-16, 29-25, 7-10, 25-21, 8-11, 22-17, the early rounds.

FRANK DWYER'S FIRST EXPERIENCE AS UMPIRE Detroit Journal.

Frank Dwyer's selection as an American Detroit friend of the ex-Detroit manager an | for Dwyer to even things up. He was doing of his coat and telling about the hard shots incident of Frank's first experience as an

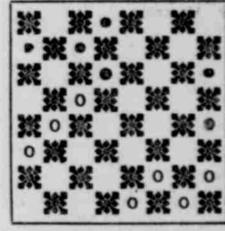
Cincinnati and getting away with his games Levi Turner, superintendent and trainer in spite of having nothing but a glassy arm | Frank?' he velled. of the White River Stock Farm of Amos and a dinky slow curve," said the narrator. "One day the New Yorks were playing in

9-14, 18-9, 5-14, 26-22, 11-15, 32-28, 15-24 28-19, 3-8, 30-25, 8-11, 22-18, 1-5, 18-9, 5-14, 27-24, drawn. (i) Black gains a good game by keeping (j) 18-15, 7-11, 15-10 draws, but is weak,

"Stroke" Problem.

Problem No. 8. Hanson, Black-Men on two, three, seven, twenty; kings on ten and seventeen. White-Men on nine, twelve, fourteen, sixteen, twenty-six, twenty-seven; king on twenty-four. White to play and Solution: 26-22, 17-26, 24-19, 10-17, 3-12, 9-6, 2-9, 27-24, 20-27, 19-15, 12-19, 15-6. White wins. This is a beauty.

> Problem No. 9. By L. J. Vair.
>
> —Black.— 2, 5, 6, 7, 10, 12, 20.



14, 17, 21, 27, 28, 31, 32, White to play and win.

(a) 27-23* (b) 6-9 (c) 12-16 32-27* (d) 31-26* 5-14 18-15 23 - 18White wins. (a) 28-24 allows a draw by 12-16, followed up by 16-19. 31-26 allows a draw by 6-9. 6-9 White wins. White wins. 23-14

News of the Game.

23-14, 5-9°, etc.

David Millar and friends, of Daws, Ia., are endeavoring to raise a purse and so get the Western tournament at that place. About \$100 to \$150 is named.

(d) 31-27 allows a draw by 6-9, 28-24, 9-18,

Almost everybody who has heard of professional checkers knows of the games and problems of L. J. Vair. Mr. Vair writes from Ravenna, O., as follows: "Pleased to (c) This is undoubtedly the best move hear of the new column and wish you here. 22-18 and 23-18 will draw, but neith- abundant success. I shall be glad to send you some problems." John Kirk, of Braddock, Pa., will play H.

O. Newcomb, the present holder of the Pittsburg Dispatch challenge medal, Feb. 19 and 20. The contest will be one of the severest, as Mr. Newcomb is a splendid, aggressive player. The Tri-state Association has decided that the contest must be played on the two-move restriction rules, eliminating the possibility of the players electing openings that are weak or un-

The Minneapolis enthusiasts, and inci-

dentally all the players of the West, are interested in the announcement that a tournament to decide the checker champlonship of the West will be held in the above named city on Feb. 22. Already the best known experts have been invited to attend. Matters are being rushed, and all things point to the fact that undue haste is being made to expedite the tournament, Not a word of protest is being heard, although it is an evident fact that many players who would wish, under ordinary circumstances to enter, will find it inconvenient or impossible to do so now. The objections to the tournament at this time are obvious, The occasion is one of such importance from a blind. He is doing a little sink-box Delahunt came in right then and saw the title from Drummond. The game is a very paratory practice is required by all those to the game that a longer time for precoming popular. Its one fault is that White form. Then, it is also true that many will of Boston, is called the "Kelso King" be- reasons to go to Minneapolis in the dead cause, more than any other man, he has of winter. To make this tournament a made the opening popular by sound analy- | satisfactory and representative contest of (b) 22-18, 15-22, 25-18, 9-13, 24-19, 11-15, an opportunity to brush up their technique, and some arrangements must be made to 6-10, 18-14, 10-17, 21-14, 1-6, 27-23, 6-10, provide a meeting place easy of access to 25-21, 10-17, 21-14, 2-6, 30-25, 13-17, 25-21, the majority. Certainly some of the best players in the West cannot get ready without several months of constant training 26-23, 10-14, 19-10, 6-15, 24-19, 15-24, 28-19, and study. It would seem, therefore, un-2-6, 32-28, 11-16, 18-15, 3-7, 22-17, 13-22, fair on the part of the promoters, to fail 25-18, 7-11, 29-25, 5-13. Drawn, ing the tournament through. In event of "Whilter," or 24-20, 9-14, 22-18, 15-22, 35-9, their doing so it will make the medal the 5-14, 29-25, 11-15, 23-19, 15-24, 28-19, 8-11, property of some player who is winner simply because of the accident of being in practice. A much better plan will be to defer the tournament until some time next summer or fall and to arrange to have the contest come off at St. Louis during the exposition. Should this be done, not (g) 16-19, 23-16, 12-19, 22-18, 15-22, 24-15, only will every player of prominence have an opportunity to enter, but the entrance 8-11, 22-18, draws, but both these lines purses will be much larger and no one will be obliged to plead lack of time for preparation when he finds himself counted out in

> not sure. Anyway, they had to get two players to umpire and Dwyer and Wilson

were the ones selected. Wilson began to toss off the close ones in favor of New York at a great rate, and there was nothing that he didn't see crosseyed. The crowd and the players soon caught on that Wilson was bound to give the base decisions and there were a lot of hard ones, but Dwyer gave them just as he saw them. Buck Ewing, who was man-"It was when Dwyer was pitching for aging Cincinnati then, got wild at last and ran over to Dwyer.

"'Are you going to let them rob us. 'I'm umpiring the way I see things." said Dwyer, and Ewing had to back up or

having tackled the position in the National